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"... there is nothing particularly new about the Darnand campaign against the French Resistance. (It) is merely an intensification of previous efforts to round up as many of the dangerous Resistance elements. These efforts ... start out with great violence, and then more or less peter out, defeated by the magnitude of the task of keeping down 40,000,000 stubbornly resisting people. Furthermore, the forces which are employed against the Resistance suffer considerable losses and their enthusiasm for the job rapidly wanes. DARNAND's efforts ... are, however, somewhat more serious ... and thorough than previous efforts. Also, the Germans are giving the matter more attention in connection with their general program to prepare France for the possibility of an Allied invasion.. DARNAND is more ruthless, more vigorous and an abler man than any Frenchman previously assigned to this disgraceful job. ... with the creation of the milice there is available a band of French thugs, ruffians and criminals who to some extent can be counted on for vigorous repressive measures. ... this only means that they stay bought until someone comes along who will pay them more than they are now receiving.

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"DARNAND's activities have also been facilitated to some extent by the wholesale change of French prefects, and by putting in key positions Laval-Darnand men. Previously activities against the Resistance were often sabotaged at the top. Now there is somewhat less of this. Also new measures of control have been taken along the Swiss frontier. ... In certain areas the measures taken ... seem to disturb resistance work ... and ... lead to the discovery of centers of ... Resistance. ... While all of these measures result in severe losses, the French Resistance cannot be crushed in this way or by any other means that the Germans have at their disposal."

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